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July 1, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
AGOURA ROAD YARD REMEDIATION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Agoura Road Yard Remediation in the vicinity of Agoura Hills (3), at an estimated cost between \$675,000 and \$815,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on August 17, 2004.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost and to approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds submitted by the contractor.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for remediation of contaminated soil at a Department maintenance yard located at 29773 West Mulholland Highway, Agoura, California 91301. The project involves excavation, transportation, and proper disposal of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil; construction of compacted backfill material, base material, and asphalt concrete pavement; and other appurtenant work. This work is necessary to bring the facility into compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

We are also recommending that your Board delegate to the Director of Public Works the authority to award and execute the contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the estimated construction cost or less. The delegation of this authority allows us to expedite the contracting process so that the contractor can bring these facilities into compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations as rapidly as possible.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will keep Department facilities in compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations and protect soil and groundwater quality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$675,000 to \$815,000.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This Department has been ordered by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to remediate contaminated soil at the Agoura Road Yard at 29773 West Mulholland Highway, Agoura, in accordance with the State Water Resources Board's Guidelines for Investigation and Cleanup of MTBE and Other Oxygenates programs. Therefore, the remediation of contaminated soil at this location is not discretionary and is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions 1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, 2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and 4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project is to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in November 2004. Department operations presently carried out at this facility will be relocated during construction. Local residents will be informed that traffic on Mulholland Highway will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AGOURA ROAD YARD REMEDIATION
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20392 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least ten consecutive times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in five weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the excavation, transportation, and disposal of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil at a treatment facility; construction of compacted backfill material, base material, and asphalt concrete pavement; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. GMEDSP00003, Agoura Road Yard Remediation, in the vicinity of Agoura Hills.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, west side of main lobby, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$675,000 and \$815,000 and shall be completed in 30 working days. The Work requires a California Class A contractor's license and a Hazardous Substance Removal Certification. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Erik Updyke at (626) 458-4914.

A mandatory prebid meeting for this Contract will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2004, at 10 a.m., at the Project site, 29773 West Mulholland Highway, Thomas Guide 587 (J-3). Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the Contract.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$14, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$17, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the three forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated July 13, 2004.

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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